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Enhancing the United Nations experience for visitors

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposal for enhancing the United Nations experience for visitors,[1]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Welcomes* the initiatives of the United Nations Association of the United States of America, the prospective donor, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] to mobilize resources in order to provide new facilities for the Visitor's Experience in the form of an in-kind donation to the United Nations;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report;[2]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the development of the proposed visitor's experience project is fully integrated with the capital master plan, including necessary security measures;

4. *Decides* that a decision on this question should take place in the light of any further decision on the capital master plan;

5. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, to invite the United Nations Association of the United States of America to proceed with the preparation of a schematic design for the new visitors' experience, taking into account the four conditions set out in the report of the Secretary-General,[3] which are highlighted in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

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[1] A/55/835.
[2] A/56/7, chap. I, sect. E.8, paras. 103-113.
[3] A/55/835, para. 20.
[4] A/56/7, chap. I, sect. E.8, para. 107.

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on the understanding that it will be for the General Assembly to declare itself satisfied with the fulfilment of these conditions;

6. *Notes* the desirability of expanding the number of potential contributors to the project by including the United Nations Associations of other countries;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to evaluate the proposed financial and fiscal aspects of the donation, in view of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and in light of the capital master plan, taking into account the eventual financial implications for the Organization, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit, when practicable, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a comprehensive report on: the outcome of the schematic design; options for deciding on the final scale of the project; projected revenues and the cost of operating and maintaining the new visitors' experience; proposals for expanded commercial activities; options for operating methodologies; means of adjusting to changing situations; procedures for the operation of the proposed capital improvement fund; and a time-line for implementation.

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Development Account

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 and 52/220 and 52/221 A of 22 December 1997,

Reaffirming its resolutions 52/235 of 26 June 1998, 53/220 A of 7 April 1999, 53/220 B of 8 June 1999 and 54/15 of 29 October 2000,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account,[1] including the observations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services in chapter V thereof, and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Expresses concern* at the low implementation rate of the projects undertaken through the Development Account;

2. *Urges* a more expeditious and effective rate of implementation of projects, and requests that project proposals include all costs, including support costs, and whether or not they are financed from the Development Account;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his next report the date of commencement, the implementing agency and the anticipated dates of completion of all ongoing projects and to provide explanations for any schedule changes in the completion of these projects;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to intensify efforts to enhance efficiency measures that may result in sustainable savings, with a view to augmenting the Development Account, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/15;

[1] A/55/913.
[2] A/56/7, part XIII.

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5. *Reaffirms* that projects financed from the Development Account should be implemented in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 53/220 A and 53/220 B;

6. *Welcomes* the fact that the implementation of the approved projects financed from the Development Account has a developmental impact on a country, is cost-effective, in particular through its use of information and communication technology, and is jointly designed and implemented by several entities of the United Nations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to monitor the implementation rate of the projects, with a view to identifying those projects that are underperforming and the causes, and to present proposals to correct this situation or to redeploy funds from such projects to those that are delivering results;

8. *Decides* to continue to keep the implementation of the Development Account under review, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the subject to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly.